

1972 Buckeye Conference

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Little Giants 1972 Buckeye Golf Champs



ROSS GOLF COACH Charlie Baker (center) and squad members display the championship plaque for the Buckeye Conference after winning the league crown at Forest Hills Country Club in Elyria Monday. The proud head coach is

flanked by Jim Decker (left), Rob Hall (second from left), Bob Moll (right) and Buck Baumann. Moll was medalist for the day with a 71. (News-Messenger Photo)

Mark My Words

Pieces Falling Into Place In SLL

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Pieces are falling into place.
The Suburban Lakes League which was only a dream for eight schools 18 months ago is quickly taking shape and will be in full operation next September.

In fact, the league could get under way today.
"We're ready to go," says Frank Toth of Perrysburg, who will be commissioner for the newest league in Northwest Ohio. "I already have the schedules, sites and officials assigned for the next two years in football and basketball and have also drawn up schedules for the other sports."

The new league is a mixture of schools from the Sandusky Bay Conference, Northern Lakes League and Lakeshore Conference.

Teams out of the Sandusky Bay are Gibsonburg, Oak Harbor and Lakota. NLL representatives are Elmwood, Eastwood and Genoa while Woodmore and Olingo are leaving the Lakeshore.

But there have not been any problems because the teams are coming from various leagues. In fact, it has probably helped in forming the new organization.

"We've tried to incorporate the good parts of each league into our constitution," Toth says. "All of our meetings have been very amicable and everyone is working for the best league possible, but we want to make our league unique."

"Most of our votes on important issues have been unanimous and I think that speaks a lot for the people who are involved in this venture."

Officials of the schools get along so well that Toth, a veteran football official in the Mid-American Conference, made it a point to congratulate all involved during a meeting of the league executive board in Bowling Green last week.

"Everyone just seems to be getting along so well that I felt they should be congratulated for the work they're doing," Toth said. "They all mix well and are free with their ideas."

Toth's message of congratulations came after a league meeting a week earlier involving the head coaches from all the sports.

Moll Wins Medalist Honors

ELYRIA — Neither wind, rain or hail could prevent Ross from pocketing the Buckeye Conference golf championship at Forest Hills Country Club Monday.

The Little Giants, who had never won a title under head coach Charlie Baker, probably had a tougher time trying to adjust to the poor weather conditions than holding back the other seven conference schools in notching an impressive seven-stroke victory.

The young Ross quartet — there were no seniors in the lineup — finished with +206, which is believed to be the lowest total ever recorded in the tourney. Marion Harding was the surprising second place finisher.

Elyria (324), the host school, was third with Sandusky (327), Findlay (332), Lorain Senior (338), Lorain Admiral King (341) and Mansfield Senior (364) completing the field.

In addition to taking team honors Ross also left with the medalist trophy. Junior Bob Moll had the day's low round — 73 — over the light 6,435-yard par 72 layout.

"Winning this one means more to me than taking the sectional championship last year," a beaming Baker declared. "This is the one I've been waiting for and wanted most. The kids did a tremendous job."

Besides the sparkling 73 by Moll, Ross had 75 from junior Jim Decker and sophomore Buck Baumann and an 83 from sophomore Rob Hall.

Moll, Decker and Baumann posted the three lowest scores of the day. There were two 76s — Jim Owens of Marion and Bob Mayab of Elyria.

"I'm just glad the kids weren't as nervous as I was," Baker said. "When we had the lead and the storm hit I didn't know what was going to happen. We had a six-stroke lead at the turn but in the rain it would have been very easy to lose. And, I didn't know what the kids were doing because I was in the clubhouse (coaches are not allowed to be with the golfers on the course)."

"The rain was coming down so hard I couldn't even see the 11th green from the clubhouse. At one time I was worried the conference officials were going to call the tournament because the rain was so heavy."

Ross forged into the lead on the front side with one under par 36s from Decker and Moll, a 38 from Baumann and 42 from Hall. On the back nine, Decker and Moll had a tough time while Baumann and Hall sliced their scores.

Moll went two over par (38) on the final nine holes while Decker skied to a 40. Baumann closed with a 37 while Hall was carding a 41.

"I'm not displeased with those back nine scores at all," Baker said. "I'm sure the weather' probably added two strokes a hole to the score of every golfer on the course."

The combined total of 306 was the lowest aggregate for 18 holes shot by Ross this spring. Previous low for the Little Giants was a 307 in a 18½-2½ dual meet victory over Findlay at Findlay Country Club last month.

Harding also had his best day. The lowest total score previously turned in by the Prexies was a 321.

Moll's round, which is the lowest turned in by a Little Giant golfer this season, included 11 pars, four bogeys and birdies on six, seven and 12. He hit 13 greens in regulation and didn't have a three-putt green.

Baumann got off to a shaky start with bogeys on the first and second holes. But he finished the first nine with seven consecutive pars. Overall, he had 13 pars, four bogeys and a bird at 16. His only trouble spot was putting — three putt greens.

Decker reeled off 11 pars and five bogeys with birdies at the second and fifth holes. He hit 10 greens in regulation and, like Moll failed to have a three-putt green.

"I'd much rather be riding in the front of the bus than the back," Baker said.

And, despite the fact that golf is supposed to be a minor sport in the Ross athletic program, Decker, Moll, Baumann and Hall weren't without a cheering section yesterday. All of their parents made the drive to Elyria and were in attendance when the championship trophy was presented to Baker.

"I really do appreciate the fact that they took the time to come and watch us," Baker said. "This is the first year since I've been coaching that we've had anyone come out to see us."

"I'm sure it means a lot to the kids."

Ross (384):
Bob Moll, 73-38 — 71; Jim Decker, 35-40 — 75; Buck Baumann, 38-37 — 75; Rob Hall, 42-41 — 83.

Marion (333):
Jim Owens, 72-39 — 76; Dave Wiggin, 54-38 — 78; Don Conkle, 38-41 — 79; Jim Conkle, 40-40 — 80.

Elyria (324):
Bob Mayab, 37-39 — 76; Craig Welling, 40-37 — 77; Craig Chapman, 42-43 — 85; Scott Badaway, 41-40 — 80.

Sandusky (327):
Jeff Shumlin, 35-41 — 80; Jim Kerner, 40-42 — 82; Scott Boismont, 42-40 — 82; Bruce Boismont, 42-41 — 83.

Findlay (332):
Craig Vandik, 39-40 — 79; Dick Coleman, 40-39 — 79; John Delaney, 42-41 — 83; Pat Jagha, 42-41 — 83.

Lorain Sr. (338):
Dave Masters, 37-40 — 87; Gary Alpers, 39-39 — 77; Bob Kral, 41-41 — 82; Bob Waga, 51-40 — 91.

Lorain Admiral King (341):
Greg Jarow, 40-40 — 80; Jeff Hinks, 42-41 — 83; Marc Krupp, 42-40 — 82; Bob Mosak, 43-41 — 84.

Mansfield (364):
Tom Hager, 40-43 — 83; Charlie Huggins, 40-37 — 83; Doug Catlett, 47-44 — 91; Rick Gee, 50-51 — 101.

At Fremont C.C.

News-Messenger Tourney Begins

Defending champion Jim Derman is paired against Tom Powers in the first round of the annual News-Messenger Golf Tournament at Fremont Country Club.

The qualifiers with their scores and handicaps:

Upper Bracket:
Jim Derman (defending champion, 9-4) vs. Tom Powers (50-11); John Balard (38-41) vs. Hugh Stephenson (39-13); Bruce Pallas (35-39) vs. Joe Bigala (35-37); Ker Hilly (35-41) vs. Dick Bodenbauer (35-38); Tom Beckner (39-11) vs. Don Johnson (38-29); Herb Maule (36-11) vs. Alan River (46-32); Jack White (35-39) vs. Don Wadrich (39-21).

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